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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO CHIEF OF STATE

1. IN LIGHT OF YOUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH KENYATTA AND
OTHER KENYAN LEADERS, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK AN
APPOINTMENT WITH KENYATTA AND GIVE HIM THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM ME:

QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

WE DO NOT KNOW THE INTENTIONS THAT UGANDA MAY HAVE
TOWARD YOUR COUNTRY IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT WE
DO WISH TO DEMONSTRATE OUR INTEREST IN YOUR INDEPENDENCE

AND SOVREIGNTY.

IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE TWO SUGGESTIONS.
FIRST, IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, THE UNITED

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STATES IS PREPARED TO SEND A P-3 AIRCRAFT INTO NAIROBI

AND DESPATCH A FRIGATE TO MOMBASA FOR A PEACEFUL PORT CALL.
THE FRIGATE COULD ARRIVE IN MOMBASA WITHIN FOUR TO FIVE
DAYS. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON THE
DESIRABILITY OF THESE PROPOSED MOVEMENTS WHICH WE REGARD
AS MANIFESTATIONS OF OUR EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT.

SECOND, IF YOU BELIEVE AN ATTACK IS IMMINENT, I
SUGGEST THAT YOU CONSIDER THE DESIRABILITY OF REQUESTING
THAT PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU,
INVOKES THE CONCILIATORY MECHANISM OF THE OAU IN THE
INTEREST OF AVERTING AN OUTBREAK OF CONFLICT. I BELIEVE
SUCH A STEP WOULD HAVE THE MAXIMUM FAVORABLE EFFECT ON
AFRICAN AND GENERAL INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING ME INFORMED OF YOUR
ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND OF WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT
BE OF APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

UNQUOTE

2. IF YOU ARE ASKED REGARDING ANY FURTHER STEPS THE
UNITED STATES MIGHT TAKE, YOU SHOULD MAKE NO RPT NO
COMMENT OTHER THAN THAT YOU WILL REFER QUERY TO
WASHINGTON. YOU SHOULD NOT RPT NOT EXPRESS ANY PERSONAL
OPINION AS TO WHAT THE UNITED STATES MIGHT DO. KISSINGER

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